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Four years ago I charged General Andrew Jackson, in an address printed and published in Nashville, with various acts of cruelty and dishonesty when acting officially. His cruelty has been established beyond doubt by the Documents furnished from the War Department, in ordering the execution of six innocent militia men and twelve regular soldiers, the first on the 22d and the other order for the twelve dated the 28th January 1815, in the midst of his rejoicing in New Orleans and after the defeat on the 8th Jan. and retreat of the enemy. Seven or eight of these regulars were shot almost in secret near this place by a few men, separately, at one stake, their blood running together and they were buried in one grave. They shot the first man, named Jones, about 12 o'clock (he had to be shot twice) and did not finish the butchery of the whole until near night. A part of these regulars were poor men from Dixon county, who first volunteered for a short time, but a dispute arising respecting the length of their term, they were frightened to enlist; but considering themselves treated ill, they attempted to procure their liberty by desertion in a fit of desperation. They soon repented, and of their own accord went and delivered themselves up to Col. Joslin of the militia, whom they knew, and he delivered them to their officers in Nashville. Jackson ordered a Court Martial; they were found guilty, and notwithstanding their voluntary surrender to Col. Joslin they were ordered to execution by an order from Jackson, dated at New Orleans, in the midst of his rejoicings, without giving the President of the United States time to interfere and pardon them according to his duty.

As to the charge of dishonesty, I have just completely trapped him. I charged him with contriving ways to get land slipped into his own or his friends' hands when he was acting in a public capacity as Commissioner to treat with the Indians. This I offered to prove in the case of Colbert's reserve on Tennessee river, by evidence of James Jackson, if he would call on him to speak out and show papers which I believe he holds, in Gen. Jackson's own hand writing, and signed by him. I did prove the guilt and connexion of John Coffee, Surveyor General and kinsman of General Jackson, and that of Andrew Jackson the General and Commissioner, and James Jackson, a private gentleman,

as well as that of Senator Eaton, by a chain of circumstances of irresistible weight, to their faces, and have published the same to the world. I do not think that Eaton was to have had much, if any, of his pay out the reserve. The three others named above, Andrew Jackson, James Jackson, and John Coffee, were to have had all or nearly all of the reserved land. The whole of this villainy, I am confident, can be proved if Gen. Jackson would *call on* James Jackson to speak *all* he knows and show *all* the papers he has in possession on the subject. I have travelled 200 miles to catch in this town of Nashville, at this time, James Jackson and John Coffee, who live in Alabama, and Senator Eaton and General Andrew Jackson, who live near this place within three hours ride, and also to catch all of their eighteen Committee gentlemen, all of whom I have found here present, or in the immediate vicinity; and I have been here at the City Hotel thirteen days, charging them to their faces in print and by word of mouth with this monstrous act of villainy, and I have been and continue to so charge; and I have offered, and I hereby again offer to be shot on the Public Square in Nashville, on condition that James Jackson's evidence shall be called for by General Jackson and heard, and a fair exhibition by him of every thing in his power concerning the above transaction. And I further offer to acquit all of guilt unless it is irresistibly and conclusively proved.

General Jackson and his Committee have not dared and will not dare to make the call, and I hereby PROCLAIM the whole affair to the WORLD in its nakedness. May God save our country!

JESSE BENTON.

City Hotel, Nashville, O ct. 13th, 1828.